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MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Director**SUBJECT : Request for Approval to Pay Military Personnel Under Agency Travel Regulations****REFERENCE : A-22-500**

1. It is requested that your approval be given to pay military personnel assigned to the Project's overseas bases in accordance with Government civilian travel, and that the approval be incorporated in each individual's "Letter of Authorization".

2. The second sentence of paragraph (1) of above reference reads as follows: "Civilian per diem rates may be authorized for military personnel only in those cases in which operational assignments or cover circumstances require such personnel to incur expenses over and above their military entitlements." This circumstance exists in Project Aquatone.

3. While it is not anticipated that there will be as much travel in the field as there has been here at Headquarters, it is felt that a decision should be made at this time to alleviate any future problems concerning inequities which will arise as in the case at Watertown resulting in complaints and a number of morale problems.

4. In some foreign areas the per diem rates are the same under military and civilian regulations, however, in a few areas they differ slightly. The extra costs involved are so small that the expense will more than be offset by time saved in administering without considering the major factor; namely, "equity". Listed below are a few of the foreign area per diem rates to be used for comparison:

| AREA | MILITARY | | CIVILIAN | |
|------|----------|---------|----------|---------|
| | W/O STR. | W/ STR. | W/O STR. | W/ STR. |
| | \$ 9.00 | \$ 5.40 | \$ 10.00 | \$ 8.00 |
| | 12.00 | 7.20 | 12.00 | 9.60 |
| | 9.00 | 5.40 | 10.00 | 8.00 |
| | 8.00 | 4.80 | 8.00 | 6.40 |

5. Military travel abroad usually consists of traveling from one military post to another; however, it is anticipated that travel of military personnel on detail to this Agency and assigned to Project AQUATONE will be required.

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to travel from a military post to cities where only commercial facilities will be available. Also, military personnel will be traveling with civilian personnel, incurring the same expenses, but they will not receive reimbursement in a like amount unless approval to this request is furnished.

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